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International Bureau Telecommunications Division Grants Verizon International Section 214 Authority for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") (47 U.S.C. § 214) and section 63.18 of the Commission's rules (47 C.F.R. § 63.18), the International Bureau Telecommunications Division grants the applications filed by the following subsidiaries of Bell Atlantic Corp. d/b/a Verizon Communications for authority to provide international service originating in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations: (1) Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Long Distance (VLD); (2) NYNEX Long Distance Company, d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions (VES); (3) Verizon Global Solutions Inc. (VGSI, formerly Bell Atlantic Global Network and Transport Solutions, Inc.); and (4) Verizon Select Services Inc. (VSSI, formerly GTE Communications Corporation) (collectively, "Applicants"). Specifically, Applicants request authority to provide global international facilities-based service between all points in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and all international points except Gibraltar, and resale service between all points in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and all international points.

The applications cover traffic originating in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, which is one of the "in-region" states of Verizon New England, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI. The international section 214 applications are companions to the joint application of Verizon New England, Inc., VLD, VES and VGSI (collectively, "Verizon") for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of

Rhode Island and Providence Plantations pursuant to section 271 of the Act (47 U.S.C. § 271) (*see Application of Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Long Distance), NYNEX Long Distance Company (d/b/a Verizon Enterprise Solutions), Verizon Global Networks Inc. and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*). No comments were filed on the international applications, which were put on public notice on **December 21, 2001** (*see Non-Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing, FCC File Nos. ITC-214-20011213-00633, ITC-214-20011213-00632, ITC-214-20011213-00630, ITC-214-20011213-00631, Public Notice, DA 01-2989 (rel. December 21, 2001)*).

On February 22, 2002, the Commission approved Verizon's section 271 application (*see Application of Verizon New England, Inc, Verizon Long Distance, Verizon Enterprise Solutions, Verizon Global Networks Inc., and Verizon Select Services Inc., for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations*), CC Docket 01-324, Memorandum Opinion and Order FCC 02-63, rel. February 22, 2002. Because Verizon has received section 271 authority to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, we grant VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI authority to provide the services for which they request authority in their applications: international facilities-based service pursuant to sections 63.18(e)(1) and (e)(4) of the Commission's rules, originating in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and terminating at all international points except Cuba and Gibraltar; and international resale service pursuant to sections 63.18 (e)(2) and (e)(4) of the Commission's rules, originating in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and terminating at all international points, including Cuba and Gibraltar. Grant of the international section 214 application will serve the public interest by increasing competition in international services, expanding the range of new and innovative services and allowing for more efficient use of existing international telecommunications facilities.

These grants of authority, as agreed to by Applicants, are subject to Applicants' compliance with the Commission's international dominant carrier regulations as specified below on the following routes where Applicants have affiliations with foreign carriers that the Commission has not yet determined lack market power: (1) the U.S.-Dominican Republic route and the U.S.-Venezuela route, for international facilities-based service; and (2) the U.S.-Dominican Republic route, the U.S.-Venezuela route, and the U.S.-Gibraltar route, for international resale service (except to the extent Applicants serve these routes solely by reselling the international switched services of unaffiliated U.S. facilities-based carriers).

We grant Applicants' request for nondominant classification on the following routes where Applicants have affiliations with foreign carriers: the U.S.-Canada route; the U.S.-Mexico route; the U.S.-France route; the U.S.-Italy route; the U.S.-U.K. route; the U.S.-Japan route; the U.S.-Netherlands route; the U.S.-Argentina route; and the U.S.-Singapore route. Applicants have provided sufficient evidence that the foreign carriers with which they are affiliated on these routes lack sufficient market power on the foreign end of the routes to affect competition adversely in

the U.S. market. In sum, VLD, VES, VGSI, and VSSI will be classified as nondominant in their provision of U.S. international services on all routes except the U.S.-Dominican Republic route, the U.S.-Venezuela route, and the U.S.-Gibraltar route. This grant of the international section 214 Application will become effective upon the effective date of the Commission Order granting authorization to Verizon to provide in-region, interLATA services in the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

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